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**VIA ECFS**

**Notice of Ex Parte**

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission 445  
12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90; Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers, WC Docket No. 07-135; Developing a Unified Intercarrier Compensation Regime, CC Docket No. 01-92**

Dear Secretary Dortch:

On February 6, 2018, the undersigned and Kathryn Glaser of HD Tandem, along with Megan Delany, Principal, Dentons, met with Jay Schwarz, Wireline Legal Advisor to Chairman Pai, regarding the above-referenced proceeding. In addition, on February 5, 2018, we met separately with Jamie Susskind, Chief of Staff to Commissioner Carr, and with Pamela Arluk, Irina Asokov, Gregory Capobianco, Lynne Engledow, John Hunter, Edward Krachmer, Albert Lewis, Kristin Rodil, Douglas Sloten, Gil Strobel, and Shane Taylor of the Wireline Competition Bureau. Lisa Hone, also of the Wireline Competition Bureau, participated in the meeting via teleconference.

During the meetings, HD Tandem discussed the attached diagram explaining its IP Homing Tandem ("IPHT") proposal, which would not only address industry concerns regarding access stimulation issues but also benefit consumers by stimulating the IP Transition and ushering in HD voice and other technological innovations. Under this proposal, local exchange carriers that are hosting high-volume voice applications should home to a new application IPHT, thereby offering originating carriers a more efficient optional call route.

HD Tandem also reiterated its desire to work with the Commission to accomplish their goals of completing intercarrier compensation reform and advancing the IP Transition.

Please contact the undersigned if you have any questions regarding this submission.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ David Erickson

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Lynne Engledow  
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# IPHT – IP Homing Tandem

- Use existing triggers
- Clearly define edge
- Ushers in HD Voice
- Fully utilize IP and further transition
- Unleash innovation
- Consumer wins!

